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## Regular Meeting April 18, 2011

### Public Comments

Student Scott Hingst registered his concerns about acceptance into the nursing program.

### Chancellor's Report

At last month's board meeting Chancellor Tim Meyer reviewed nationwide legislative trends; this month he reviewed significant trends and pending legislative changes at the Michigan level. The governor's office has requested community colleges propose organizational performance "metrics," to be part of a public educational scorecard, i.e., how we manage our programs and achieve our mission. In developing the measurement framework, the MCCA used OCC's strategic plan and definitions of success as models for the process.

To date, Governor Snyder has promised no cuts in community college funding for the next two years, but a bill introduced into the state senate proposes a three to four percent cut, while one introduced into the state house proposes a cut of fifteen percent. Actual cuts, if any, to the community college state appropriations are being debated.

K-12 districts are arguing that the cuts they received arose from community colleges being added to the Student Aid Fund, therefore the appropriations to colleges should be reduced to make up for some of these losses. The chancellor discussed the issue with the superintendent of the Oakland Intermediate School District.

### Academic and Student Affairs

Academic Senate Chair Mary Ann McGee provided a report on the progress of the Student Learning Academy.

Orchard Ridge Campus student and president of the campus Phi Theta Kappa chapter Ksenia Malkina presented an overview of recent Student Life activities on the campuses. Ms. Malkina noted that Highland Lakes Student Development Coordinator Velma Jones received the PTK Distinguished Advisor Award.

Dean of Economic and Workforce Development Sharon Miller introduced Marc Strandquist, CEO of Dokka Fasteners, Inc., a Norwegian-based global firm which has located in Auburn Hills. Several states were considered by Dokka as prospective locations, Mr. Strandquist said, but the key differentiator was OCC's employee training programs made possible by the Michigan New Jobs Training Program. Twenty-five persons have been hired by Dokka, 40 percent of whom had been out of work. The firm has invested \$14 million thus far, and has already booked \$7 million in business, Mr. Strandquist said.

### College Resources

The classified part-time appointment of Codruta Trifan, financial aid specialist (AH), was approved.

The Public Hearing on the 2011-12 General Fund Budget was presented by Vice Chancellor Clarence Brantley. The 2011-12 budget will total \$152,517,020 - \$8,499,504, or 5.3 percent less than 2010-11. Property tax collections are expected to decrease by 9.7 percent, or

\$7,995,261, and state appropriations by 7.1 percent, or \$1,382,970. Revenue from tuition and fees is expected to increase by \$1,211,807, or 2.3 percent. Proposed In-district tuition rates will be increased by 6 percent, from the current \$66.70 per credit hour to \$70.70.

#### **Consent Calendar – Maintenance Projects**

The following maintenance items were approved via Consent Calendar: sidewalk replacement and handicap access ramp, Highland Lakes Campus, \$186,900; storage upgrades to the third floor dining room in Building J, Orchard Ridge Campus, \$561,500.

#### **Consent Calendar – Contracts and Purchases**

The following contract items were approved via Consent Calendar: a contract with dSpace, Inc. for training of Chrysler workers for \$80,000 through June 30; a contract with ETAS, Inc. for training of Chrysler workers for \$150,000 through June 30; a contract with Fanuc Robotics for training of GM Orion workers for \$160,000 through June 30; a contract with LEONI Engineering for training of GM Orion workers for \$100,000 through June 30; a contract with The Math Works, Inc., for training of Chrysler workers for \$150,000 through June 30; a contract with New Horizons for training of Chrysler workers for \$190,000 through June 30; a contract with SAP America for training of Chrysler workers for \$240,000 through June 30; a contract with Siemens for training of Chrysler workers for \$400,000 through June 30; a contract with Vector CANtech for training of Chrysler workers for \$58,500 through June 30; a contract with Weld Tech Corporation for training of GM Orion workers for \$60,000 through June 30; an agreement for the on-site training of students in the medical assisting program with Infinity Primary Care – Laurel Park of Livonia; purchase of C-Arm equipment for the health professions and technologies department from the low bidder, Siemens Medical Solutions, for \$84,050.

The purchase of a mobile flashover training unit for the Auburn Hills CREST Center from the low bidder, Beacon Equipment Leasing of Lansing, for \$82,850 was also approved.

#### **New Business**

The new trustee website biographies were approved.

#### **Comments**

Trustee Zimmerman reported that she attended the recent convention of the American Association of Community Colleges in New Orleans, participated in a number of informative sessions, and will submit a written report for the board's record. Ms. Zimmerman also noted the upcoming Governor's Education Summit.

The board entered closed session to discuss labor negotiations.

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